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The Space Based Infrared Systems Program Office (SBIRSPPO) of the U.S. Air Force (USAF) Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) at the Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB), CA announced today the availability for public review and comment of a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed construction and subsequent operation of GEO Synchronous radio frequency antennas at Buckley Air Force Base, Buckley, CO. The SBIRSPPO plans to construct and operate two (2) such antennas to detect and track shorter-range missiles with greater accuracy. This new antenna system is required to fully meet existing as well as future DoD missile tracking needs. This supplemental EA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to assess the environmental impacts of such a proposal. The EA is available at Aurora Public Library located at 14939 East Alameda Drive, Aurora, CO. beginning on February 13, 2001 for a fifteen- (15) day period. In addition, this Supplemental EA and Draft FONSI are also available at the following website: <http://ax.laafb.af.mil/axf/>

The SBIRPO will continue to develop other antenna criteria to serve future Mission requirements that include the phase out of inadequate antenna systems. This proposal is expected to augment the present missile tracking systems and provide tracking capability for the development and deployment of the SBIRS satellite system.

Comments concerning the Supplemental EA and /or Draft FONSI may be addressed electronically or faxed to: Mr. Ted Krawczyk, U.S. Air Force, SMC/AXFV, 2420 Vela Way, Suite 1467, El Segundo, California 90245-4659. The Fax Number is 310-363-1503. The E-Mail address is theodore.krawczyk@losangeles.af.mil No comments will be accepted after 5:00 P.M. MST on February 24, 2001.